

South Florida Business Journal. Among his other notable service awards is the 2012 Dorothy Shula Outstanding Volunteerism Award from the United Way of Miami Dade County, as well as the MCCJ Humanitarian of the Year Award. He formerly served as the president of the Dade County Medical Association and chairman of the Jackson Health Foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Rudolph Moise as he develops his practice to consist of Comprehensive Medical Aesthetics.

HONORING BRIAN J. HYLAND

HON. JOSEPH SEMPOLINSKI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. SEMPOLINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Brian J. Hyland. Brian was an extraordinary, talented, kind, and interesting man and these traits allowed him to touch so many lives in so many different ways.

Brian was a dedicated public servant and worked tirelessly to help his constituents. Appointed to the Chemung County Legislature in 2011, Brian used his decades of business management and life experience, and his unending charm to go above and beyond for his community. There was no job too big or too small for Brian.

Brian was also a teacher and mentor at Tioga Tae Kwon Do, in Waverly, New York, where he used more than sixty years in martial arts to teach hundreds of students how to be the best versions of themselves. He was a businessman, a leader in the community, and above all else, a family man. Brian was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, son-in-law, and brother.

His wife Suzanne, was the love of his life, he took immense pride in his six children, he cared deeply for his sister Patricia, and he helped all those around him to succeed.

Brian will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

HONORING NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP ON THEIR TRI-CENTENNIAL

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible municipality within my district on the tri-centennial of its incorporation.

Northampton Township, Bucks County was originally settled by English colonists who came with William Penn on his voyage to Pennsylvania. On December 11, 1722, a petition and a map were presented to the Quarter Sessions Court in Bristol, Pennsylvania to establish a new township on lands lying "between Southampton Township and other lands and Neshaminy Creek." The petition was signed by 21 petitioners. The court took this petition under advisement and on December 14, 1722, in under 5 days, the petition was approved and Northampton Township was born.

They named it Northampton after the county town of Northamptonshire, England.

I believe it is fitting that Congress recognize this milestone as testament to the men and women who recognized the value of self-governance 54 years before our Nation declared independence from an oppressive government. I am extremely grateful for the example and the impact that Northampton Township has had on our community for the past 300 years, and I look forward to the amazing achievements to come in the next 300 years.

HONORING CLIF SMART OF MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clif Smart, the president of Missouri State University.

Clifton "Clif" M. Smart III has served as the 11th President of Missouri State University since June 27, 2011.

Under Smart's leadership, the university has: set new records in numbers of graduates, graduate employment rates, and overall enrollment; enhanced diversity of faculty, staff, and students; maintained affordability for students; significantly upgraded campus facilities; developed new bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs; achieved a Silver STARS rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; and set records in state appropriations, private gifts, and grant funding.

On top of his work at Missouri State, Smart has served as the President of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the Mercy Health Springfield Communities Board of Directors, the Board of Directors for the Hawthorn Foundation, and the Board of Directors for Missouri Partnership. He has also served on boards and committees for the Missouri Department of Higher Education, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, CoxHealth, Arc of the Ozarks, Springfield Innovations, Inc., Isabel's House, First Baptist Church, and numerous other professional and community organizations.

Smart has lived in Springfield, Missouri for more than two decades. Before his presidency, Smart served as the university's general counsel. Before coming to Missouri State University, Smart had a private legal practice in Springfield.

Smart and his wife, Gail, have two sons, Murray, who along with his wife, Amy, both graduated in 2012 from Southwest Baptist University and live in Rogers, Arkansas with their daughters Addy, Emery and Miriam and sons Parker and Leeland; and Jim, who recently graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School.

Madam Speaker, since being named Missouri State University's President in 2011, Clif Smart has dedicated himself not only to the university, but also to the Springfield community. I wish him all the best in his continued efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JULIA BERNATH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the retirement of Fulton County Board President Julia Bernath. A board member since 2000, Julia has served Fulton County Schools with distinction for over 2 decades.

Julia is serving her fifth term representing Fulton County School Board District 7. Though she became Board President in 2020, she was no stranger to the role. From 2007 to 2009, she served as school board president and then as vice president from 2009 to 2010 and once again in 2019. In addition to her service on the school board, Julie has served on the Fulton County Schools Employees' Pension Fund Pension Board as both Chair and Vice Chair, and she has also represented the school board on the Fulton Education Foundation's Board of Directors. Outside of her work with Fulton County Schools, she is a deeply engaged member of our community as an active member and past president of the Georgia School Boards Association, a past Vice Chair of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, and a staff member for the Center for Reform of School Systems. Julia is a past chair of the Sandy Springs Education Force and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She is also an Advisory Committee member of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Through a global pandemic, Julia navigated unprecedented challenges during her most recent tenure as Board President and worked tirelessly in service to the students of Fulton County Schools. It has been my honor to work with Julia in partnership as we strived to provide every opportunity to our community's young people. On behalf of my office and the United States House of Representatives, I want to thank Julia for her decades of service and offer my congratulations on the occasion of her retirement.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF CLUB Q NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JASON CROW, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, and Congressman DAVID CICILLINE, to honor the victims of the tragic shooting that took place at the Club Q Nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 19, 2022.

It has been nearly 1 month since the horrific events that unfolded when a shooter, armed with a semiautomatic assault weapon and high-capacity magazine, entered the popular LGBTQ+ nightclub and opened fire, killing 5 people and injuring at least 22 more.

It was the latest in a growing number of violent attacks targeting the LGBTQ+ community throughout the country, and it led the Department of Homeland Security to issue a new

warning about the growing threat facing the LGBTQ+ community here in the U.S.

Let us be clear: no one in this country should have to live in constant fear of being attacked for who they are or who they love.

No one should have to experience the unimaginable pain and suffering that so many in our community are now feeling in the wake of this senseless attack at Club Q.

Among those killed in the attack was Ashley Paugh, a 35 year old wife and mother of an 11 year old daughter. Ashley was not a member of the LGBTQ+ community but had driven to Colorado Springs to spend time with friends at the popular club and see a comedian who was performing there.

Raymond Vance was 22 years old and was visiting the club for the first time that evening with his longtime girlfriend and her family. Raymond, who had just gotten his first job and was excited to have received his first paycheck, was there to help his girlfriend and her family celebrate the birthday of a longtime friend.

Kelly Loving was a 40 year old transgender woman from Denver who had driven to Colorado Springs for the weekend.

Daniel Aston and Derrick Rump were both bartenders working at the club when the shooting occurred. Daniel, a 28 year old transgender man, had moved to Colorado Springs 2 years earlier to be closer to his mom and dad and started working at the club, which was just a few minutes from his parents' home.

Derrick, who friends say was always full of smiles, found more than just a job at Club Q, he had found a community that he loved and a place where he felt he truly belonged.

Daniel and Derrick were beloved members of the Club Q family, and together they helped create a space that felt safe for so many who visited there.

As we take time to honor the memory of those we lost, we also must honor the bravery and heroism of those whose actions likely prevented even more bloodshed that day.

Retired U.S. Army veteran, Richard Fierro, who was at the club with his family that evening to celebrate the birthday of a friend, and Thomas James, who was performing at the club when the shooting began, have been widely credited for their heroic actions to subdue the shooter and save countless lives.

We owe them and all those who responded to the scene that evening, including local law enforcement, first responders, and civilians, a tremendous debt of gratitude.

We wish all those who were injured in this attack a speedy recovery. And we send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who were lost in this horrific attack.

The hate-filled rhetoric that's fueling this rise in violent attacks against the LGBTQ+ community has no place in our society, and neither should the weapons of war being used to carry these awful attacks out.

At some point, we, as a society, have to come together and say, 'enough is enough.'

At some point, we have to realize that the toxic combination of hate and access to guns is resulting in deadly attacks across this country, and the time to end the hate-filled rhetoric that's demonizing the LGBTQ+ community is now.

Every single member of the LGBTQ+ community deserves to live their life openly without

fear of hate and violence. And every person in this country deserves to live a life free of the constant threat of gun violence that we face.

That's why, today, my colleagues and I are introducing a resolution condemning this attack and the growing wave of violence. I'm thankful to the House Equality Caucus, the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and a number of organizations that helped us draft this resolution and who are joining us in pushing for its passage.

But, condemning these attacks is not enough. The time to act is now.

We need to get these assault weapons off our streets and ban the sale of these high-capacity magazines today.

Taking these steps will not bring back all those we have lost to gun violence, but it will save others from meeting the same violent fate. This is our resolve as we continue to fight for commonsense gun safety measures.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those we lost at Club Q. They will not be forgotten.

HONORING TOM CARLSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, Tom Carlson.

Tom Carlson was the longest serving mayor in Springfield history, holding the position from 1987 to 1993 and then again from 2001 to 2009. Before that, he served on City Council from 1983 to 1987 and again in 1997 to 2001. In 1989, he was named Distinguished Young Lawyer by the Missouri Bar and was listed in Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys.

Under Carlson's leadership, the city created a citizen-driven visioning process involving 300 citizens which formed a basis for all major policy decisions in the community. The city successfully passed 90 percent of its ballot issues, became involved with an inner-city revitalization project known as Jordan Valley Park, creating a \$100 million construction project which resulted in an indoor ice park, a new convention center, a new minor league baseball stadium, a 900-space parking deck, a \$3 million inner-city park and a \$25 million dollar arena.

Also under Carlson's leadership, the city formed a public-private partnership with the Chamber of Commerce which resulted in over \$200 million investment in an industrial park bringing new manufacturing jobs to Springfield. He sponsored a program that resulted in putting CDBG funds into a revolving loan program so that an annual \$1 million allocation grew to over \$40 million in revolving loan programs for low and moderate income individuals and inner-city revitalization. Once of his proudest accomplishments was the creation of The Mayor's Commission for Children.

Locally, he served on the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, the Springfield Branson Airport Board, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. On a state and national level, he served on the boards of The Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority, the Missouri Municipal League and the National League of Cities.

In 2014, Carlson received the Springfieldian of the Year Award from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, presented to "a citizen who has exemplified outstanding community service, excellence in his or her chosen profession and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens," according to the Chamber's website.

Most recently, concerned with the dearth of any consistent in-depth public affairs reporting in Springfield, Carlson launched the Springfield Daily Citizen, a not-for-profit online newspaper dedicated to strong local journalism to improve civic engagement, to encourage more efficient government, and bring more accountability among local leaders. The new outlet whose mission is to be a "Catalyst for Good" has partnered with Missouri State University and MSU President Cliff Smart noted that, "by partnering with them, we're investing in a community organization, ensuring progress and standing strong in the principles of our public affairs mission."

The vision of the Springfield Daily Citizen is to reinvent local news in Metro Springfield by telling the stories of our community, bringing issues to light, encouraging discourse and inspiring citizens to take action. Over 8,500 citizens are receiving its daily newsletter and The Daily Citizen has, in less than a year, gained over 1,500 subscribers.

Madam Speaker, Tom Carlson has served his community for decades. Even years after leaving the Mayor's Office, he continues to stay active in local politics, with a strong devotion to the Springfield community and surrounding area.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE DON HORSLEY FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague San Mateo County Board President Don Horsley as he departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 12 years in this phase of his service to the public. His is a remarkable career.

Don graduated with honors from San Francisco State University in 1969. He worked as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department and as a classroom teacher in middle school. When he decided to become a police officer, one of his earliest jobs was in the City of Pacifica. He subsequently joined the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and began his patrol work in what would eventually become the City of East Palo Alto.

While in the early phase of his career at the Sheriff's office, Don helped plan and oversee the construction of a new county correctional facility. The new building transformed incarceration in the county, featuring mental health and medical facilities onsite. In the jail, he promoted direct supervision, a practice in which deputies and correctional officers worked directly with detainees. Don's innovative work resulted in a substantial reduction in violence.

Don was elected Sheriff in 1993 in a hard-fought campaign against the status quo. After